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AGENDA

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

20 JUNE 2012

AT 6.00pm

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PRESENT

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

PUBLIC

PRESENTATIONS - NIL

MAYORAL MINUTES - NIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

Current Dangerous Condition of Footpath Pavers in Lithgow CBD - Councillor M Ticehurst and Councillor J McGinnes

NOTICE OF RECISSIONS - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS - NIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NIL

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES - NIL

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

as identified by Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

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NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CURRENT DANGEROUS CONDITION OF FOOTPATH PAVERS IN LITHGOW CBD - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST AND COUNCILLOR J MCGINNES

REFERENCE

Lithgow Ageing Strategy (Page 106/237) *“the pavers along Main Street footpath are slippery when wet and uneven in places”*.

Lithgow Mercury 17 May 2012: ‘Danger, uneven surfaces’.

COMMENTARY

Over the past few weeks, a number of complaints have been received from ratepayers and residents of either near falls and/or actual falls causing injuries in the Lithgow CBD Shopping Centre precinct.

Those involved in the falls and witnesses allege that these near falls and/or actual falls is as a result of the poor, worn and dangerous condition of the Councils footpath pavers being affected by rain, frost and black ice.

The Council and Councillors would also be aware that recently the Lithgow Mercury also raised this same issue reporting that,

“During this week’s meeting of Lithgow Council attention was drawn to the potential danger to pedestrians of uneven surfaces in some of the pavers on footpaths in and around the Lithgow CBD. The criticism came when council was debating the pros and cons of forcing shopkeepers to take out extra public risk insurance in line with footpath furniture. And the critics were right. The pavers are overdue for some maintenance. Raised edges and sunken or broken tiles are presenting a hazard to the unwary. It’s not a problem everywhere but there are certainly a number of locations to demand attention to head of damages claims. And there’s nothing new about this; the issue has been evident for a long time.

Some of the worst issues are on the section of footpath on the northern side of Main Street between the Maritime and Power Credit Union and Blue Bird Café. Around Cook Plaza there are some more hazards and you don’t have to look far to find plenty of other examples. Clearly council’s insurers don’t walk Main Street very often.”

Further, there was recently an advertisement placed in the Lithgow Mercury from a legal firm, who in acting on behalf of a client, sought further information from the public on previous falls on Lithgow City Councils footpaths.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillors seek an immediate report from the General Manager and his Senior Officers on the current status of the probable causes of the current dangerous and slippery conditions of the footpath pavers in the Lithgow CBD Shopping precinct and what immediate actions are available to the Council so that this potentially dangerous situation can be resolved.

Acting General Managers Note:

Councillors are referred to Item 18 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4 June 2012 whereby the Group Manager Operations presented a report advising that the cleaning and resealing of pavers in Lithgow CBD Main Street would occur following repairs of sections of broken, displaced and cracked pavers in a number of locations. This work is expected to be carried out early in the 2012/13 Financial year.

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting: and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*